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PROPHETS WITHOUT HONOR.

In this age of skepticism, when natives of the state of Missouri seem to be surprisingly numerous and the principle of "seeing is believing" has been carried to extremes, the professional prophets who issue almanacs of prognostication have enjoyed a peculiar immunity. Every year the credulous and superstitious hasten to buy their publications and to marvel at the wide range of predictions which they comprise. While the circulation of these almanacs is more extensive in Great Britain than in this country, it is not gratifying to our national pride to learn that 100,000 copies are prepared annually for American consumption. But even at this late day some of the dupes are "getting wise" and beginning to check up the prophets, comparing promise with performance, and the result should not be without its effect on the circulation of their next year's almanacs. The only time the professional prophets made a hit is after the event. The number of inspired persons who predicted the San Francisco earthquake is beyond computation, but one and all neglected to warn the threatened city until it was too late. If people are going to be so mean as to check up old predictions and see whether they came to pass, it won't be long until the prophet is with out honor not only in his own country, but everywhere else.

The peril which attends travel through some of the Alpine passes is indicated by a tragedy which involved the death of six men who were on their way to Italy from Switzerland. They were smugglers, and their course lay through the Forcola Pass. One of the party gave a shout of farewell to those whom he had left, and this brought down a vast body of snow poised above. The six men were buried by the avalanche, forming a mass 65 feet deep, and there is no hope of recovering the remains until the snow melts in the spring. The poet knew the possibilities when he uttered the warning "Beware the awful avalanche." A snowslide that can be dislodged by a human voice is a terror to avoid if possible.

The weight in pounds of a gnat is .0000006. Its wing area in square feet is .0003, which gives the monster .0204 pounds to the square foot. The scientist who has enlightened the waiting world with this interesting fact does not state the creature's "pounds per horse power." Next time you get one in the eye you may figure it for yourself. It would be interesting to have scientific data as to the mosquito's suction pump; and we think it is generally known that by far the most powerful and terrible of all the wild beasts of the field, in proportion to its size, is the salivary flea.

The British lords will have to come down from their high perch, the New York policemen have been forbidden to club citizens at pleasure, and now a janitor in that same city has been sent to prison for playfully tapping an inquisitive tenant on the head with a monkey-wrench. It begins to look as though an air of freedom for the down-trodden and oppressed actually were beginning.

A chauffeur in New York who killed a child by his speeding automobile and then raced from the spot is to be tried for murder in the first degree. The endangering of life by the speed mania is so deliberately taken a risk that the law under which murder in such cases is charged seems eminently just. There has been far too much leniency with this species of public danger.

Wisconsin has a university professor and a medical scientist who is not afraid to champion the claims of human nature and heart interests against abstract science. He said recently in a lecture that kissing is risky, but it's a poor sort of fellow who won't take chances at it.

A New York man 85 years of age has refused to enter a home for old people because his mother-in-law, aged 115, is an inmate of the institution. We declare without fear of successful contradiction that this is carrying prejudice against the mother-in-law too far.

A rich man in Boston was arrested for slapping a young girl in the face. The intellectual center of the nation needs some mixture of chivalry with its culture.

The Washington florist who claims he can grow black roses should help the widows materially in throwing away such decorations as ordinary weeds.

No matter how Roosevelt went out, he is coming back like a whole circus.

Owing to the "high price," they are making chop suey now without meat. No doubt as soon as they can ascertain what other ingredients are in it they also will be checked off.

The vigorous antagonism of vegetarians to the beef trust disproves the theory that meat is essential to the development of an energetic nature.

Perhaps the burglar who burned a sick man in a house he entered was simply a physician in disguise.

LEWIS SAYS MINERS BE AT WORK SOON

PRESIDENT OF MINE WORKERS THINKS THAT 100,000 WILL BE BACK IN MINES SHORTLY.

UNION OFFICIALS OPTIMISTIC

President of Illinois Operators' Association Does Not Expect Settlement Inside of Month—Meeting Expected Monday.

Indianapolis, Indiana.—With the wage agreement between the miners and operators in the black coal region of southern Indiana already signed and with prospects of the other principal districts which took part in the suspension of work throughout the country beginning Friday taking similar action within a week, the officers of the United Mine Workers of America in Indianapolis are jubilant over the prospect of a complete victory without a struggle.

The strike which was inaugurated Friday and which involves 300,000 bituminous coal miners, brought an enforced holiday on the anniversary of the institution of the eight-hour day.

President Lewis received official notice Thursday night that the agreement between the miners and the operators at Brazil, the headquarters of what is known as the black coal district, had been signed. This means that the 3,000 men employed in that district will not lay down their tools, but that the mines will continue to run with the men receiving an increase in wages which will amount to 5.55 per cent per ton.

The following statement was made at headquarters Friday morning:

"There is no reason to be pessimistic about the mining situation, there likely will be more trouble in settling Illinois and western Pennsylvania signed up than in any other mining district. The real trouble will be the inability to get together quickly enough."

"There will be no serious trouble and no delay in arranging wage contracts in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, western Kentucky, West Virginia, central Pennsylvania and Iowa. It is possible that Illinois and the southwest will be idle for about 30 days and the southwest may not be idle for more than a week or ten days."

100,000 to Go Back.

Three hundred thousand miners were to lay down their tools Friday morning, to resume work only when they have an understanding with the mine owners. It is more than likely that 100,000 of these idle men will be at work next week.

"We do not consider that there will be any strike in the sense that strikes are usually conducted. It simply will be a temporary suspension of mining pending a final negotiation of a wage contract. The following are the districts which President Lewis says will be in operation within a week:

Western Kentucky, 5,000 men; West Virginia, Kanawha district, 12,000 men; Ohio district, 47,000 men. The miners of the country Friday are celebrating the twelfth anniversary of the advent of the eight-hour day.

That a settlement will be reached in Illinois inside of a month is not expected by any of the operators. Some of them predict that the suspension will last much longer. A. J. Moorshead, president of the Illinois Coal Operators' association, was in Chicago conferring with some of his associates on the subject. No meeting has been arranged there, but it is expected that one will be called Monday.

BABIES LOST AT \$50 EACH

Woman Spirited Undesirables Away—Believed Head of Traffickers in Children Located in Iowa.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Numerous babies found alive in suit cases on doorsteps in many parts of Iowa has led to an investigation by the Iowa Human society, with the result that local police are hot on the trail of a woman who is believed to be the head of an organization trafficking in children. The first direct information came when a Des Moines man with a national reputation as an artist informed the police that he had met a woman on a Chicago train, who admitted that she received from \$25 to \$50 for every illegitimate baby she delivered out of various counties in Iowa. She was well dressed and appeared to be unusually intelligent.

Mexico Finds Zinc Ore. Mexico, Missouri.—Much excitement has developed here as the result of the discovery of several rich specimens of zinc ore in the stone used for street paving. It was quarried on a farm near Mexico.

Chicago Transfer Magnate Dies. Chicago, Illinois.—Henry H. Porter, president of the Chicago Transfer and Clearing company, and prominent for years in Chicago and New York financial circles, died Thursday night after a short illness.

28 Insane Foreigners Deported. Stockton, California.—Twenty-eight insane foreigners left Friday on special cars for New York, whence they will be deported to their native countries, under a recent federal law. Eleven attendants are in charge of the patients.

Freed of Murder Charge. Louisville, Kentucky.—R. E. Culley, a merchant, was acquitted by a jury Thursday for the killing of W. E. Proctor, a leading Republican politician, last November.

JUSTICE BREWER DIES OF APOPLEXY

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT STRICKEN IN WASHINGTON HOME.

FALLS TO FLOOR IN BATH ROOM

Wife Finds Husband Unconscious—End Comes Before Physicians Arrive—Apparently in Best of Health During Evening

Washington, D. C.—Justice David J. Brewer of the United States supreme court died at 10:30 o'clock Monday night at his home, 1923 Sixteenth street. Justice Brewer had not been feeling well for more than a week, but he had not been obliged to take to his bed. He had enjoyed Easter with members of his family and Monday afternoon walked out to the office of his physician. He complained at the dinner table of feeling slightly worse, but his condition was not considered serious.

At a little after 10 o'clock he told Mrs. Brewer that he was going to retire, and entered the bathroom. A few minutes later Mrs. Brewer heard him fall, and rushing to the bathroom, found him unconscious.



DAVID J. BREWER.

Only servants were in the house with Mrs. Brewer and she dispatched one of them to the home of Judge Ashley Gould of the District of Columbia supreme court, who lives next door to the Brewers. When Judge Gould arrived, physicians living in the neighborhood had been summoned. Justice Brewer was carried from the bathroom and placed on a bed, but when the doctors arrived a few minutes later, he was dead. Apoplexy was the cause of death.

Justice Brewer's two daughters, Mrs. James L. Carrick and Mrs. H. P. Jutmore, who live in Washington, were summoned and arrived shortly after the physicians. The supreme court is now on its Easter recess. It will reconvene next Monday and undoubtedly will adjourn for at least a day out of respect to the memory of Justice Brewer.

HOGS BID UP TO NEW TOP

Choice Grade Porkers Sell at \$11.20 in Chicago and \$11.16 in East St. Louis.

Chicago, Illinois.—The price of pork on the hoof soared again to \$11.20 a hundredweight, the highest since 1899.

The packers continued the tactics they started when hogs soared several weeks ago, endeavoring to stay out of the market and let the speculators run it. They were forced in, however, toward the close of the market.

St. Louis, Mo.—A new record mark has been established in the East St. Louis market, choice hogs selling at \$11.16, the highest price in the history of the yards.

FINDS SHIP, BUT NO COOK

Wireless Report Says Explorer Is Not on the Abangarez, the Colon Fruit Vessel.

Mobile, Ala.—The office of the local wireless telegraph company received a dispatch saying that Dr. Frederick A. Cook was not on board the fruit steamer Abangarez, en route from Colon to New Orleans. The information came direct from the master of the vessel.

Perishes in Forest Fire. Olney, Ark.—Mrs. C. R. Nelson, who lives about seven miles southeast of this place was burned to death while fighting a forest fire which threatened her home. The fire was started by her husband setting fire to a hollow log, trying to burn out a nest of rats.

Filipino Legislators Meet. Manila, P. I.—A special session of the Filipino legislature was convened at Baguio for the purpose of enacting public works legislation.

Quits Pulpit for Politics. Revere, Mass.—The Rev. Lathrop Meeker has resigned his position as pastor of the First Unitarian church, to become an independent candidate for congress in the seventh district next fall. He advocates public ownership and elimination of bosses.

Roosevelt to Advise China. Tokyo, Japan.—The Chinese government is contemplating asking Theodore Roosevelt to accept a post as general adviser to the government, according to a rumor here.

ROOSEVELT LEAVES CAIRO FOR NAPLES

FORMER PRESIDENT NOT DISTURBED BY NATIONALIST DEMONSTRATION AGAINST HIM.

SOLICITIOUS OF HIS WELFARE

Great Crowd Accompanies Americans to the Railway Station—Khediva Presents Mrs. Roosevelt With Flowers.

Cairo, Egypt.—Former President Roosevelt and his family left Cairo at 9:45 Wednesday morning for Alexandria. They will sail from the latter city Wednesday morning for Naples, where they are due to arrive Saturday.

There was no reminder of Tuesday's "unpleasantness," when a great crowd of Nationalists made a demonstration against Roosevelt in front of his hotel. The station was filled with friends of the colonel, including Consul General Iddings, Ambassador Straus, members of his hunting party, a personal representative of the khedive and dignitaries, both native and British, in the political and social life of Cairo.

Just before going aboard train Mrs. Roosevelt was given a large bouquet, a remembrance from the khediva. For fear that Col. Roosevelt was aggrieved at Tuesday's demonstration, a number of high officials sought to impress on him that the affair was irresponsible in character and in no way a reflection of the sentiments of the best people of Egypt, but the colonel only laughed at their efforts, declaring that he fully appreciated just what the demonstration meant and looked upon it merely as an "interesting incident in a most interesting visit."

Nationalists May Keep Up Fight.

"I only hope there will be no unpleasant aftermath," the colonel said to one of the officials. "I have been told that the Nationalists are likely to wage their fight now with redoubled energy, owing to the stirring up they have received. If they do, it will be a case of hunting for a provocation, for surely there was nothing in my remarks to which a true Nationalist could take exception. The only thought of my address to which the Nationalists seem to object was that a people seeking self-government should first prepare themselves for self-government."

There is much speculation in official circles as to the results of the colonel's visit and the events in the next few days will be awaited with the keenest interest. From Sir Elton Gorst down, the officials fear that the Nationalists will make much of Roosevelt's address, and that it will have the reverse effect from what the author intended.

An unusually large number of Nationalist meetings are being called for in the near future.

COMET VISIBLE APRIL 8

Can Be Plainly Seen With Naked Eye—Keen-Sighted People May See It April 1.

St. Louis, Mo.—Holley's comet is now traveling earthward at the rate of 29 miles a second, and the earth is rushing out into space to meet it at the rate of 18 miles a second. The astral visitor should be plainly visible to the unaided eye on the morning of April 8. It will continually rise higher and higher in the sky and by the latter part of the month it will be seen in a westerly direction.

The comet is rising earlier each succeeding morning, and on April 1 will dash above the eastern horizon at 5:12 o'clock. Only the best of trained eyes will see the visitor without the use of a telescope before April 8. Then the phenomenon will be free to the whole world.

VAUGHN REPORT DELAYED

Result of Analysis Will Be Disclosed April 7 in Justice's Court.

Columbia, Missouri.—Just what was found in the viscera of Professor J. T. Vaughn by the doctors who made the analysis here formally will be told in Justice Hicknell's court Thursday morning, April 7. They will tell also how far the analysis had proceeded when the viscera were procured by Doctor Paul Schweitzer by the attorneys for Mrs. Alma Proctor Vaughn two weeks ago.

The viscera were taken from Doctor Schweitzer by a write of replevin. Walter is indicted for murder. New York City.—Albert Walter, 19 years old, held in the Tombs on a charge of murdering little Ruth Wheeler and burning her body, was indicted by the grand jury Wednesday afternoon on the charge of murder in the first degree.

Tom L. Johnson in London. London, England.—Tom L. Johnson, former mayor of Cleveland, who arrived at Fishguard on the steamer Mauretania, is stopping with friends in Regents Park.

"Big Fat Dutchman" Kills. Westbrook, Connecticut.—Angered because he was called "a big fat Dutchman," Herman Gunther, a farmer, Monday night shot and fatally wounded Charles McVeigh, a neighbor, and then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Lumber Plant Destroyed. Birmingham, Ala.—The Wood Norris Lumber company's plant, with several million feet of lumber, was destroyed by fire. The loss will reach \$100,000. It was partially insured. Six fire stations turned out.

SLAIN GIRL WAS IN WHITE SLAVE NET

BELIEF THAT WALTER WAS THE ACTIVE HEAD OF BAND OF SLAVERS.

15 GIRLS REPORTED MISSING

Youth Had the Names and Addresses of Many Girls—Evidence Is Forging Him Near the Electric Chair.

New York City.—Mary Weisman, not yet 16 years old, who mysteriously disappeared from her home at 718 Fifth street on February 28 and returned only four days ago, gave evidence to the police Monday, which, if true, will show that Albert W. Walter, the youth charged with the murder and cremation of little Ruth Wheeler, was the active head of a band of men and women who trafficked in white slaves.

The body of the girl, wrapped in the sack, was first found on the fire escape of the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. John Taggart, adjoining that of Walter's. Mrs. Lubin, who rooms with the Taggarts, saw it and called Mrs. Taggart's attention to it and then she remembered that Friday night, hearing a noise on the fire escape, she had looked out the window and had seen Walter scrambling into his apartment. She told her husband about it and he indignantly grabbed the bag and threw it into the yard of No. 324. Mohl, the caretaker came out to re-monstrate, and it was then that the bag was opened and the charred, mutilated torso was found.

Since January 19, 15 girls between 14 and 17 have been reported missing from their homes and of 14 of these not a trace has been found.

Kept List of Names.

The story told by the Weisman girl leaves no doubt in the minds of the police as to Walter's character and explains his reasons for writing to girls seeking positions. It explains also the many names and addresses of young girls found in Walter's memorandum book. The police will learn Monday if any of these girls are missing. It may be that one or more of them has met the fate of Miss Wheeler.

Katie Miller, held as a witness, pushed Albert W. Walter a little closer toward the electric chair when, Monday morning, after long questioning, she admitted that about 2 o'clock Friday morning she had awakened and had seen Walter working with something out on the fire escape. She said she did not know what it was and went to sleep again, not suspecting that it might be the body of Ruth Wheeler.

The police are convinced the Miller girl is lying desperately in her effort to save Walter, and incidentally for herself, for if their theory is right, she is guilty as an accomplice after the commission of the crime.

AIRSHIPS USELESS IN WAR

Tests at Fort Sam Houston Show That Explosives Dropped From Sky-Craft Do Little Damage.

San Antonio, Texas.—That the value of an aeroplane as a military means is more fancied than real has been amply demonstrated by the experiments now in progress at Fort Sam Houston.

Although Lieutenant B. D. Foulouls can lay claim to being an expert with the machine as its present stage of development permits, he has not succeeded in bringing out one solitary point that would recommend the contrivance to an army man as far as reliability and practicability are concerned.

Army officers at Fort Sam Houston, enthusiasts excluded, says Geo. A. Schroeder, fell to see to what use the aeroplane could be put in time of active service.

CONSUMPTION SPREADING

Surgeon Simpson Declares That Sixty Per Cent of Natives of Islands Suffer From Disease.

Washington, D. C.—Declaring that 60 per cent of the natives of Unalaska and St. George and St. Paul islands are suffering from tuberculosis, Surgeon Simpson of the revenue cutter Manning says that the disease exists in all forms and that there are only a few children who do not show some evidence of the disease. He adds, however, that many of them improved during the summer of 1919 under treatment.

CROWN PRINCESS MOTHER

Sister Joins Two Princess Born to Former Princess Margaret of Connaught.

Stockholm, Sweden.—Crown Princess Gustave Adolph of Sweden, formerly Princess Margaret of Connaught, gave birth to a daughter Monday.

The other children of the crown prince and princess are Prince Gustave Adolph, born in 1906, and Prince Cigvard, a year younger.

Stork Pays 34th Visit. Dedham, Massachusetts.—The birth of a healthy baby boy in this town has made Joseph Sears the father of 34 children. He has been married twice in the last 40 years, his first wife was the mother of 18. Only 12 of the large family are living. Sears is 57 years old.

Richmond Postoffice Robbed. Richmond, Virginia.—Robbers rifled the postoffice safe early Monday morning, taking, it is said, \$40,000 in cash and stamps.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI

A Suit Against T. J. Atkins. The disappearance of the \$61,500 which constitutes the shortage in the United States treasury at St. Louis, of which Thomas J. Atkins, assistant treasurer at the time of its discovery in October, 1906, is seeking to be relieved in congress, is charged to him and to his speculation in grain and stocks in a suit brought in the district court against Atkins and Charles F. Gallenham, surveyor of customs, in which it is charged that these two conspired to place Shriner in Leavenworth penitentiary, and succeeded in doing so. Shriner was cashier of the customs office and later chief deputy surveyor. A shortage was discovered in his accounts in March, 1908. He served nine months in the penitentiary.

Fertilizer Sales Increase.

More than 400,000 bags of fertilizers were sold to the farmers of Missouri last year—an increase of 118,000 bags, or 25 per cent more than the previous year. This great increase in the use of commercial fertilizers in the state is thought to be due to the new state law requiring an analysis of all fertilizers sold to farmers in Missouri. The experiment station of the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri, inspected more than 250 brands of fertilizers sold in Missouri by twenty-two companies, located chiefly in St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago.

Body Found Hanging.

Hanging from the rafters of a small one-room house in the outskirts of Lee's Summit and supposed to have been dead for nearly two months, the body of Charles Miller was found. It had been frozen and was in a bad state of decomposition. Careful preparations had been made by the man to end his life. The door had been barricaded and the windows nailed shut. Miller, who was nearly 60 years old, had not been seen since January 22.

Springfield Banquet Is Off.

There will be no Jefferson Day banquet in Springfield this year. The elaborate affair planned by Democrats for April 19 has been called off by the committee in charge on account of the misconstruction which has been caused by a letter of invitation sent to Mayor William J. Gaynor of New York several weeks ago.

Pleasant Hill to Spruce Up.

Following the example set by farmers of the surrounding country in the last year or so Pleasant Hill has begun the systematic use of the King road drag on its streets after each rain. The results have been so satisfactory that the practice will be made permanent.

To Build New Court House.

The county clerk of Greene county has let a contract for the erection of a new \$250,000 courthouse. The building will be erected on the corner of Boonville and Center streets, Springfield, and will be between old and new town.

Rate Case Hearings October 11.

The 2-cent passenger fare law and the maximum freight rate statutes will not have a hearing in the United States supreme court until October 11. This statement was made by Attorney General Major upon his return from Washington.

Texas County Goes Dry.

With a majority of 815 votes Texas county was voted dry in one of the hottest elections ever held there. A large vote was polled due to the activity of temperance workers who have been busy there for the last three weeks.

Unconscious When Married.

Pleading that his "sub-conscious self" was in control, and that his real self was unaware of his acts, Charles R. Drummond, member of a millionaire St. Louis family, declared on oath that he had no remembrance of his second marriage, which took place at Clayton early on the morning of January 25 last, just four weeks after his first wife had obtained a divorce there. Charlotte J. Bente, a minister's daughter, was the bride in the midnight ceremony, of which Drummond emphatically declared he had not the faintest recollection.

A Poultry Farm Incorporated.

At a meeting of the promoters of the Mexico poultry farm and national experiment station, it was decided to incorporate under the name of "Mexico Egg and Poultry Farm." The experiment station is to be known as the Central National Experiment Station. J. H. Swindler and W. H. Turner of Mexico, and E. Quisenberry, secretary of the state poultry board, were the incorporators. The corporation will be capitalized at \$5,000.

Change Interurban Route.

F. O. Yentch of Mount Vernon, who is promoting the proposed interurban car line from Mount Vernon to Springfield and to Carthage, says he will change his original plans and run the line through Monett instead of Stotts City. The route as now contemplated will run west from Springfield to Paris Springs, in Lawrence county, and to Mount Vernon, thence south-west to Hober, Frelat and Monett, then a west and northwesterly course through Pierce City, Wentworth and Sarcos to Carthage.

Sedalla Actor Dies in Fire.

Charles O'Donnell, formerly an actor, of Sedalla, is dead, as the result of a fire that destroyed a railroad workers' boarding house at Kansas City. Many other men escaped death through the heroism of James Hicks.

Boonville Beat Mexico at Debate.

Carl Seibner, Martin Corum and Robert Pralle, representing the Boonville high school, defeated Snedaker, Harrison and Liebert, representing the high school of Mexico, in a debate at Boonville.

HAS GREAT MEXICAN RANCH

Gen. Luis Terrazas is Mexico's wealthiest man. Gen. Terrazas is 79 years old—the same age as President Diaz. The lives of both men have been full of stirring adventure. It was in reward for daring military service that Gen. Terrazas obtained from the government large gifts of land which placed him upon the road to the great fortune which he now possesses.

It is conservatively estimated that Gen. Terrazas is worth not less than \$500,000,000. His property holdings are chiefly in the State of Chihuahua, but he also has large investments in other parts of the republic.

Gen. Terrazas is the greatest land and live stock baron in the world. It is said. He owns 18 ranches in the State of Chihuahua. The ranches embrace an aggregate area of more than 5,000,000 acres. For many years special attention has been given to raising horses upon these ranches. More than 5,000,000 head of horses are grazing upon the Terrazas land.

The mule supply for most of Mexico comes from the Terrazas ranches. These animals now number more than 1,000,000 head and are scattered over the different properties. Gen. Terrazas' cattle holdings number more than 1,000,000 head. Several hundred thousand head of goats and sheep graze upon his land. It is said that the choicest grass lands in northern Mexico are embraced in the Terrazas estates. Streams of running water pass through them and the grass grows luxuriantly the greater part of the year.

Some idea of the vastness of these landed possessions may be had when it is known that more than 10,000 men are kept constantly employed looking after the live stock. The services of 1,000 men are required to "ride the fences." It is the duty of these fence riders to see that the wires are kept intact so that the live stock cannot escape from the pastures. Many thousand miles of wire are used in constructing the boundary fences. More than a score of towns, some of them of considerable size, are upon the ranches.

Orange Blossoms.

The origin of the custom of wearing orange blossoms as bridal ornaments has been variously accounted for:

(1) This custom is said to have originated among the Saracens, and to have been introduced into Europe by the Crusaders. The Saracens regarded the orange tree as the emblem of fecundity, since it bore blossoms and fruit at the same time.

(2) According to another theory, orange blossoms were worn by brides, not only on account of their agreeable odor, but also on account of their rarity and consequent high price.

(3) This custom is said to have taken its rise in Spain, where oranges have been successfully cultivated for centuries, and to have spread thence all over Europe.

Phenomena Frightened Peasants.

Strange things happened in the neighborhood of Florence, Italy, one night recently, when a shower of small meteorites about the size of walnuts fell and reached the ground red hot. The fields where they fell were greatly damaged. About midnight a comet with a long tail was visible. The peasants were alarmed at the phenomena, and flocked into the churches, invoking Providence to avert the feared calamities.

A Striking Procession.

"That march of the big dressmaking establishment's employees on strike for higher wages was in the nature of an ornamental procession."

"How so?"

"Wasn't it a dress pay raid?"

One Was Enough.

"Two heads are better than one," quoted the tight-wad husband.

"Instead of two heads," rejoined the patient and long-suffering wife, "I'd rather have a new hat for the head I've got."